includes Colonel William B. Thompson and many doctors and civilians, all with military titles; we dubbed the outfit the "Haytian Army" because there were no privates. They have come to fill no clearly defined mission, as far as I can find out, in fact Gov. Francis told me some time ago that he had urged they be not allowed to come, as there were already too many missions from the various allies in Russia. Apparently this Commission imagined there was urgent call for doctors and nurses in Russia; as a matter of fact there is at present a surplus of medical talent and nurses, native and foreign in the country and many half empty hospitals in the large cities. They do need supplies, however, and the two carloads which the Commission brought will be very useful.

This evening we were guests of Colonel Thompson at dinner at the Hotel de France. The Colonel is a very fat and yet energetic person and full of enthusiasm. We had a good dinner topped off by some excellent cigars which he had brought from the United States.

He must have a large wad of money, as he told me he had subscribed to a half a million roubles of the new Russian "Victory" loan; incidentally, he remarked that he had subscribed through New York, thus getting advantage of the more favorable exchange rate; pretty coony!

Through Governor Francis I have today arranged for a special car for Greiner and myself on the Trans-Siberian express which leaves next Tuesday the 14th. The Ambassador kindly spoke to Tereschenko (Minister of Foreign Affairs) about it and he at once said he would arrange the matter. There is considerable doubt of our getting out of the country without trouble, as the frontier has been